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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/910,481-Conf. #3202
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	Art Unit	2
	Examiner Name	W. T. Leader
	Attorney Docket Number	291958108US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 09/16/2004 MAHED1 00000088 09910481

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

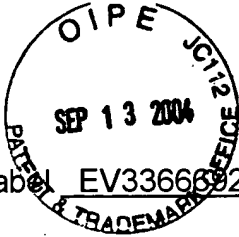
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: LYNDON W. GRAHAM *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/910,481

FILED: JULY 19, 2001

FOR: **ELECTROPLATING SYSTEM HAVING
AUXILIARY ELECTRODE EXTERIOR TO
MAIN REACTOR CHAMBER FOR
CONTACT CLEANING OPERATIONS**

EXAMINER: WILLIAM T. LEADER

ART UNIT: 1742

CONF. NO: 3202

Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

The present communication accompanies an RCE filed under Rule 1.114 and responds to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in an attached replacement sheet and are discussed on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4.